

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

13 1. (Amended) An image pickup lens including a lens body, wherein at least one of faces of said lens body is formed into an aspherical shape, and at least one of a first face of said lens body adjacent an object and a second face of said lens body adjacent an image pickup surface is a flat Fresnel face.

Please add new claim 4 as follows:

14 -4. The image pickup lens according to claim 3, wherein said first lens piece and said second lens piece are made of different materials.--

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 1 and the disclosure and added new claim 4. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims and specification are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the specification and claims as amended.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure and pointed out an informality. Applicant has amended the disclosure and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw her objection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Meyers, stating that Meyers discloses an image pickup lens that has a lens body (L1), wherein at least one of the faces of the lens body is formed into an aspherical shape (S1) and at least one of a first face of the lens body adjacent an object and a second face of the lens body adjacent an image pickup surface is a Fresnel face (S2).

In reply thereto, Applicant has carefully reviewed Meyers and respectfully submits that the face S2 of Meyers is provided with a concave surface which is a blazed grating which is for the purposes of diffracting the light (see col. 4, lines 13-21 and particularly line 21 wherein it describes the lens G1 as a hybrid refractive/diffractive lens). In contrast thereto, in Applicant's invention is provided a flat Fresnel lens. Still further, Applicant respectfully submits that Meyers is a zoom lens for cameras and not an image pickup lens as in Applicant's invention.